

ELEVENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,
Wednesday, May 12, 1915.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock, a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor W. P. Hobby.

The roll was called; a quorum being present, the following Senators answered to their names:

Astin.	Johnson.
Bailey of DeWitt.	Lattimore.
Bailey of Harris.	McCollum.
Bee.	McNealus.
Brelsford.	Nugent.
Clark.	Page.
Conner.	Parr.
Cowell.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Smith.
Hall.	Suiter.
Harris.	Westbrook.
Henderson.	Wiley.

Absent.

McGregor.

Absent—Excused.

Darwin.	King.
Harley.	Morrow.
Hudspeth.	Townsend.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Bee.

Excused.

On account of important business:

Senator Harley, for yesterday, today and indefinitely, on motion of Senator Bailey of DeWitt.

See Appendix for Petitions and Memorials and Standing Committee reports.

(President Pro Tem. Wiley in the chair.)

Message From the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, May 12, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills:

House Bill No. 8, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the purpose of

promoting and improving the development of the country schools of the State by the appropriation of \$500,000 each year, or such part thereof as may be necessary, for the next two fiscal years ending August 31, 1916, and 1917, respectively, by allowing the State Board of Education to aid any one school in any sum not exceeding \$1,000 in any one year; and providing that schools receiving such aid be located and constructed in a certain way, and having certain and necessary equipment; and providing for the employment of competent teachers; and said Act further providing that no school having over two hundred scholastics shall receive such aid; and providing that schools receiving such aid to have had certain percentage of attendance with exceptions; and providing said schools shall levy a local school tax of not less than fifty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation; and providing course of study for such country schools, and giving the State Board of Education power to establish rules and regulations for the organization of such country schools and otherwise carrying out the intentions of this Act, and defining the powers of the State Board of Education; and providing for assistants to the State Superintendent, to be known as rural school supervisors; and providing for reports to be made to the State Board of Education; and providing for the manner of payment and disbursement of all money granted under the provisions of this Act; and providing said schools can accept the benefits of this Act without waving the benefits and privileges of other laws; and providing certain funds for the payment of rural school supervisors, and their traveling expenses, and declaring an emergency," with engrossed rider.

House Bill No. 11, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the purchase of certain lands and improvements thereon in Washington county, Texas, the same being lands upon which there has been erected a monument commemorating the fact that at said point was located the first Capitol of Texas, etc., making appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency," with engrossed rider.

Respectfully,

W. R. LONG,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Simple Resolution No. 18.

(By unanimous consent.)

By Senator McNealus:

Resolved, That the President of the Senate appoint a special committee of three Senators to consider the indebtedness of the State Penitentiary System and to make such recommendations as they may be able to do, on the information obtained.

(Lieutenant Governor Hobby in the chair.)

Senator Cowell offered the following substitute for the resolution.

Whereas, Numerous claims have come to the members of the Senate from creditors of the Prison Commission complaining that they are unable to collect their accounts; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the chairman of the Penitentiary Committee be requested to communicate with the Prison Commission at once and ascertain the financial condition of said prison, and request a sworn statement of all indebtedness, to whom due and the amount of each claim.

Senator Wiley moved to lay the resolution on the table subject to call, which motion was lost.

The substitute was adopted and the resolution, as substituted, was adopted.

House Bill No. 4.

Senator Cowell called up H. B. No. 4, and moved that the Senate rule requiring committee reports to lie over for one day be suspended. (See Appendix for committee report.)

The motion was adopted.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

H. B. No. 4, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriations to pay the salaries of officers and employes of certain eleemosynary institutions of the State, and other expenses of maintaining and conducting them, as follows, to wit: State Orphans' Home, Confederate Home, Confederate Woman's Home, Blind Institute, Deaf and Dumb Institute, Epileptic Colony, Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institute for Colored Youths; State Institution for the Training of Juveniles, Tuberculosis Sanitarium at Carlsbad, State Lunatic Asylum, Southwestern Insane Asylum, and North Texas Hospital for the Insane,

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State Training School for Girls, and Walter Colquitt Memorial Hospital, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report, with committee amendments, the amendment being the Senate bill on the same subject, was adopted.

The bill was read second time, and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Senator Cowell, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and H. B. No. 4 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Astin.	Johnson.
Bailey of DeWitt.	Lattimore.
Bailey of Harris.	McCollum.
Bee.	McNealus.
Brelsford.	Page.
Clark.	Parr.
Conner.	Robbins.
Cowell.	Smith.
Gibson.	Suiter.
Hall.	Westbrook.
Henderson.	Wiley.

Absent.

Harris.	Nugent.
McGregor.	

Absent—Excused.

Darwin.	King.
Harley.	Morrow.
Hudspeth.	Townsend.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Astin.	Lattimore.
Bailey of DeWitt.	McCollum.
Bailey of Harris.	McNealus.
Bee.	Nugent.
Brelsford.	Page.
Clark.	Parr.
Conner.	Robbins.
Cowell.	Smith.
Gibson.	Suiter.
Hall.	Westbrook.
Henderson.	Wiley.
Johnson.	

Absent.

Harris.	McGregor.
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Absent—Excused.

Darwin.	King.
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Senator Cowell moved to reconsider the vote by which H. B. No. 4 was passed, and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

House Bills Referred.

The Chair, Lieutenant Governor Hobby, referred, after their captions had been read, the following House bills:

H. B. No. 8, referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

H. B. No. 11, referred to Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Adjournment.

On motion of Senator Clark, the Senate, at 12:15 o'clock, p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

APPENDIX.

Petitions and Memorials.

The Chair laid before the Senate a telegram from the president of the Central Texas District Farmers' Union, asking for protection of the permanent warehouse law. The following letters were submitted also:

Mt. Pleasant, Texas, May 10, 1915.
Hon. Wm. Hobby, Lieutenant Governor;

Hon. J. W. Woods, Speaker of the House, Austin, Texas.

Gentlemen: In behalf of our district, representing 27 counties in Northeast Texas, and in accordance with previous action taken by us in convention assembled, I wish to advise you that we are in favor of a thorough trial being given our warehouse law before any change is made in it, and further realizing the absolute necessity of placing the farmers in a position where all possible opportunities can be afforded them in properly financing their business, we are in favor of amending the Robertson insurance law, such as proposed, as we understand it, by the Gibson bill, and we ask, in behalf of the interest of the farmers, that you

do all in your power to favor the farmers on above lines.

Very respectfully yours,

L. E. CULVER,

Vice President and Acting President Northeast Texas District Farmers' Union.

J. C. CHAPMAN,

Secretary Northeast Texas District Farmers' Union, Dodd City, Texas.

Brownwood, Texas, May 11, 1915.

Hon. Wm. Hobby, President of the Senate, Austin, Texas;

Hon. J. W. Woods, Speaker of the House, Austin, Texas.

Gentlemen: We, the undersigned members of the Pecan Valley District Farmers' Union, and composing eight counties in Central West Texas, wish to say to you that while our District Union has not met in executive session recently, we have attended conferences of every District Union as visiting delegates from our district, and on which occasions they have unanimously decided in favor of giving our present warehouse law a trial, and also in favor of supporting the Gibson bill, and we believe that we voice the sentiment of an overwhelming number of farmers in our district when we say that we endorse the action of our other District Farmers' Unions, and we ask that you both do all you can to secure favorable action on above measures and other legislation favoring the farmers. By this expression we do not wish it understood that we want special favors to the farmers, but everything that favors farmers is the interest of all other legitimate business, as all commerce depends upon the farmers.

Yours respectfully,

LOUIS GARMS,

Acting Vice President Pecan Valley District Farmers' Union, Bangs, Texas.

H. J. GUYER,

Secretary Pecan Valley District Farmers' Union, Brownwood, Texas, Route 4, Box 68.

W. E. LOHN,

Lohn, Texas.

B. A. CORNILS,

Lohn, Texas.

C. L. LOYA,

Winters, Texas.

Senator Hall offered several letters from parties to whom the Peni-

tentiary Commission is indebted, asking that the appropriation be made sufficient to pay off all debts of the prison system.

Committee Report.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 11, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 4, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriations to pay the salaries of officers and employees of certain eleemosynary institutions of the State, and other expenses of maintaining and conducting them, as follows, to wit: State Orphans' Home, Confederate Home, Confederate Woman's Home, Blind Institute, Deaf and Dumb Institute, Epileptic Colony, Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institute for Colored Youths, State Institution for the Training of Juveniles, Tuberculosis Sanitarium at Carlsbad, State Lunatic Asylum, Southwestern Insane Asylum, and North Texas Hospital for the Insane; State Training School for Girls, and Walter Colquitt Memorial Hospital, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed, with the following amendment:

Amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

COWELL, Chairman.

TWELFTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,
Thursday, May 13, 1915.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor W. P. Hobby.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answered to their names:

Astin.	Bee.
Bailey of DeWitt.	Brelsford.
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McCollum.	

Absent—Excused.

Hudspeth.	Morrow.
King.	Townsend.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Bailey of Harris.

Simple Resolution No. 18.

By Senator Westbrook:

Whereas, Governor Ferguson recently charged in a statement before the House Committee on Insurance, and persists in charging, that, if it were not for lobbyists using undue influence over members of the Legislature, what is known as the "Gibson bill" would pass the Legislature in three days; and,

Whereas, members of the Legislature should be free from and unhampered by the evils of lobbying.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Senate of Texas request the Governor, Hon. James E. Ferguson, to submit to the present Called Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature of Texas the subject of so amending the anti-lobbying law of Texas as to more effectually prohibit the evils of lobbying, and that the Governor submit to the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence of the Senate such evidence as he may have in his possession, upon which the aforesaid charge of lobbying is based, to the end that said committee may be guided in the preparation of a more drastic anti-lobbying law in line with such recommendation as the Governor may make.

Senator Westbrook moved to lay the resolution on the table subject to call.

Senator Clark moved, as a substitute, that the resolution be considered at once.

On motion of Senator McGregor the substitute motion was tabled.